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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of:

J. Peter KLEIN et al.

Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Criares, T

Serial No.: 09/288,556

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For: THERAPEUTIC COMPOUNDS FOR INHIBITING INTERLEUKIN-12 SIGNALING
AND METHODS FOR USING SAME

AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2000, please amend the above-captioned patent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, line 17, delete "secondary".

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 2-20 are withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 is amended to clarify the subject matter sought to be patented. No new matter is added.

The Office Action rejects the elected species of claim 1 (i.e., compounds of Formula I wherein "x" and "y" are N and "z" is C) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Novick, Jr. (5,039,666). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.